



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN HOME GARDENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 13550 Tolton Avenue Corona, California

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: June 12 - July 13, 2009

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED? The California State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Home Gardens Elementary School in Corona, California. This workplan describes the removal and off-site disposal of approximately 400 cubic yards (617 tons) of soil from the site. During environmental investigations, soils with elevated levels of organochlorine pesticides (OCPs) were detected in soil samples. The Corona-Norco Unified School District proposes to lawfully remove the contaminated soil and transport it to a permitted off-site disposal facility. DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this soil removal pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This project is considered exempt since it will not have a significant negative impact on the human health and the environment because of the relatively short duration and the controlled manner in which the contaminated soils will be excavated, loaded onto trucks and taken off-site for disposal/treatment.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE? This notice provides the community an opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC about the proposed cleanup during the public comment period. Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Jeanne Matsumoto, Public Participation Specialist, DTSC, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, Ca 90630, e-mail address: jmatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov, and must be postmarked or e-mailed by **July 13, 2009**.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAW, and other project documents are available at the Home Gardens Library, 3785 Neece Street in Corona, Corona-Norco Unified School District office, 2820 Clark Avenue in Norco, and the DTSC fileroom at the address listed above. For more information about the DTSC, please visit our website at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov.

CONTACT: If you have any questions or wish to discuss the draft RAW, please contact Jeanne Matsumoto, DTSC Public Participation Specialist (714) 484-5338, Juan Osornio, DTSC Project Manager (714) 484-5498, Sandra Friedman, DTSC Media Contact (714) 448-5383.